

Ectoedemia amani feeds under the bark of *Ulmus* spp. making a relatively straight gallery in smooth thin branches, probably with a two-year cycle. A search for mines at Waresley Wood on 11th February 1995 proved fruitless apart from the finding of a thin branch of English Elm with two possible old mines. The bark had split with growth, preventing positive identification, but there appeared to be grains of old frass here and there under flakes of bark in the supposed galleries. The larva also mines Wych Elm which has smoother bark and might offer a better chance of success. The moth is found during July and August. It has now been recorded very sparingly in all northern European countries and Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Macedonia, eastern Siberia and France (Dr E.J. van Nieukerken pers. comm.).

The species belongs to the subgenus *Zimmermannia* Hering, 1940, which comprises the nepticulids which mine the bark of trees. The following description of the adult is based on Johansson *et al.* (*loc. cit.*).

Wingspan 7.5–10mm, the largest European nepticulid. Head and collar orange to ochreous, therein differing from the other members of the subgenus, which have the head dark brown or black. Forewing uniform brown irrorate white, lacking the white markings present in other *Zimmermannia* species. Hindwing pale grey; male with a snow-white hair pencil at the base of the costa.

The species should follow *Ectoedemia atrifrontella* (Stainton) with the Log Book number 41a, though these numbers are now of limited value because of the systematic revision of the family (see Bradley & Fletcher, 1986).

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A first Kent record for the Spanish Carpet, *Scotopteryx peribolata* Hbn. (Lep.: Geometridae)

On 6th September 1994, a specimen of *S. peribolata* was taken by Mr B. Banson in his garden trap at Greatstone, Kent. This is the first Kent record for this immigrant species which is resident in the Channel Isles.

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